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Enclosure Reply - Istvan STOKER et al

RE: 100-10092, 10 August 1953

1. ~~File~~, CIC/D-2 files revealed no traces on either the name Istvan (Stefan) STOKER or Istvan STOKER.

2. Traces on Istvan STOKER are as follows:

a. On 9 June 1952 CIC received a letter from the Association of the Free Press which was signed by the association's vice-president, Dr. Zoltan MARRA. The letter, dated 5 June 1952, mentioned that János HARTY and Istvan MARRA were professional journalists and indicated that CIC and other organizations were hindering or had hindered in the past, the journalistic activities of HARTY and MARRA. Dr. MARRA requested CIC support of HARTY and MARRA in their activities as journalists.

b. In a 10 November 1952 CIC investigation of János HARTY, possibly ~~an agent~~, it was discovered that he corresponded regularly with Zoltan MARRA, editor of the newspaper "HUNGARIA" and was in hopes that MARRA could aid him in immigrating to the United States.

c. A 29 May 1953 CIC report concerns the intercept of a letter dated 22 September 1952 to Dr. Zoltan MARRA from George LAY. In the letter LAY writes that he and "RUSO" settled as many things as possible, that he (LAY) intends to refrain from RFP (RFP) and he refers to an evaluation slip and an apparent duplication of information. LAY requested copies of the program broadcast by VOA and RFP (RFP) on 7 August and promised to return them immediately.

d. An SOB file check revealed a 10 December 1953 report from a contact agent in which he submitted a mimeographed letter mailed from Paris to high-ranking MARRA officers. The letter, he believed, was written by Antal BILVINSKY and requested all the letter receivers to insist upon the investigation of the funds allotted to the Zoltan János MARRA and Istvan HARTY owned "Hungaria" newspaper. The letter informed that a share of the money donated to the MARRA by its members is donated in turn to the newspaper by General ZALO which constitutes a misuse of MARRA funds. The letter is signed "Opposition of the MARRA's Central Staff".

e. On 16 June 1954, Irene HAD née STARK volunteered information to the CIC. She stated she had worked for the MARRA while in Hungary. After her release from MARRA, she was completely debriefed by János HARTY, who then put her in contact with Zoltan MARRA. Later she learned that HARTY was in reality only a stooge for MARRA and that she was being used by the MARRA. HARTY threatened her that if she did not cooperate, the safety of her child in Hungary would be endangered. In April 1953 on orders from MARRA she put Istvan STOKER (possibly ~~an agent~~) in direct contact with the MARRA.

3. Following are traces on Istvan HADJU:

a. SOB revealed no identifiable traces on the name Istvan HADJU.

b. In a CIC 11 progress report of Antal BILVINSKY, HADJU is mentioned as a contact agent, assigned to sub-section 11 as an interrogator. He is single, lives at Budapest, Budapest at 27. He is about 26 years old, about 1.65 m tall,